

PURSING THE BURGERS

French and Hamilton Co-operate in the Advance.

British Forces Reach Prospect, Five Miles North of Rhenoster River. The Boers Said to Be Trekking Straight for the Vaal-A Report That General Roberts Will Push Forward to Pretoria as Rapidly as His Men Can March—Rumors in London That the Proposed Movement of the English Army Are to Be Carefully Concealed.

LONDON, May 24.—The retreat of the Boers from Rhenoster River, after such a vigorous resistance to General Roberts' advance had been promised, is taken in London as an indication of the discouraged condition of the burghers.

A despatch from Rhenoster River, sent under yesterday's date, and received here to-day, states that the Boers are reported to be trekking at night for the Vaal River. Stories are again current of a determined resistance to be made on the north bank of that stream when General Roberts' forces attempt to cross into the Transvaal. About two miles of the railway north of Rhenoster River have been utterly destroyed by the retreating army.

General French is at Prospect, five miles to the north of Rhenoster River, pursuing the Boers, and General Hamilton is co-operating with him in the forward movement of the British.

The Rhenoster River despatch says that it is the general opinion that Roberts will not push on to Pretoria as fast as his men can march.

Interest now centres at the Vaal. General Roberts will probably meet with no resistance before that river is reached. If the Boers withdraw without fighting from that position, the advance to Pretoria will probably be attended by comparatively few delays and difficulties.

If the Federalists refuse to make an effort to stop General Roberts at the Vaal, military experts say they expect no serious resistance to his further movements toward Kruger's capital.

In view of the extreme importance of British movements during the next few days, it is said, there will be a rather strict censorship over detailed despatches from the seat of war, especially those which may attempt to make public General Roberts' plan of campaign.

These forecasts of military progress have a way of leaking into the Transvaal and placing the Boers on their guard against surprises. It is said that every effort will now be made to prevent the English plans from becoming known to the adversaries of Roberts.

THE RAND GOLD MINES.

Engineer Kilmke Says They Can Be Wrecked in Two Days.

JOHANNESBURG, May 24.—(Via Lourenco Marques, May 22, 6 p. m.)—A correspondent here has had an interview with Mr. Kilmke, the State Mining Engineer of the Transvaal, on the report that the Rand gold mines were to be destroyed.

Mr. Kilmke said that personally he was opposed to any such arbitrary action. But if such a course was thought to be necessary for military reasons, he felt sure that fifty men with unlimited supplies of dynamite at their disposal would leave nothing intact along the whole of the reefs, either on the surface or underground, in a period of two days.

ANXIETY OVER KUMASSI.

Lack of Carriers Causes Delay in Flushing Re-enforcements.

LONDON, May 24.—The absence of news from Kumassi, which place has been besieged by native rebels for some time, causes anxiety here. No information has reached the coast. The departure of re-enforcements to the interior has been hindered by the lack of carriers in procuring carriers. Those obtained are mostly girls.

CANONIZATIONS AT ST. PETER'S.

One Pilgrim Killed in the Great Crush at Rome.

ROME, May 24.—The canonization of John Baptist De La Salle, founder of the Order of Christian Brothers, and Rita Da Cascia, a nun of the Augustinian Order, was celebrated at St. Peter's this morning with great pomp.

One pilgrim was killed in the crush, and many persons fainted. The Pope appeared to be in the best of health.

At the close of the ceremony there was a great demonstration outside.

MADAME KLOBB WINS.

The Suit Against the "Figaro" Decided in Her Favor.

PARIS, May 24.—The court has decided in favor of the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Klobb, who was assassinated by the commanders of a French expedition in Africa, in her suit against the "Figaro." After the news of the assassination of Lieutenant Colonel Klobb the "Figaro" raised a fund by subscription for the benefit of the widow. The widow refused to accept the money, and the "Figaro" then proposed to invest the money for the benefit of the children. The court now holds that the "Figaro" had no right to invest money for the children without their mother's consent.

When Count Boni de Castellane was in this country some months ago and carried on a cable correspondence with Madame Rodays, the director of the "Figaro," about an alleged misstatement in regard to the count's financial standing, this matter was frequently referred to. Among the statements made by the count was one to the effect that M. De Rodays would be able to pay the damages he (the count) proposed to collect out of the fund which the "Figaro" had collected for Mme. Klobb, and which she declined to receive because of the attitude of the "Figaro" toward the French Army during the Dreyfus case.

Arthur Unanimously Re-elected.

MILWAUKEE, May 24.—Grand Chief Engineer P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was unanimously re-elected this afternoon.

By Taking the Electric.

Norfolk and Washington Steamers. Leaving foot of Seventh Street daily at 6:30 p. m., an opportunity is offered to witness the total eclipse of the sun at Norfolk on 25th instant. For station reservation, telephone 720. See schedule, page 7.

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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

Exercises in Victoria's Honor All Over the British Empire.

LONDON, May 24.—Today is the eighty-first birthday of Queen Victoria and it is being appropriately celebrated throughout the British Empire. Congratulatory messages have been received by Her Majesty from all parts of the world, including a felicitous expression from the President of the United States.

In all the cities of the United Kingdom exercises of the usual character are being held, with parades of school children and demonstrations of a highly patriotic character.

The victories in South Africa have given an increased interest to the celebration and the name of Victoria is frequently coupled with those of the successful generals now fighting for the honor of her empire at the front.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. McKinley Sends Congratulations to Queen Victoria.

The eighty-first anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria is being generally observed today by English men and women throughout America. The President through the Secretary of State, has forwarded his congratulations on the occasion. The following message was sent this morning to Ambassador Choate, at London:

"Cheate, Ambassador, London, May 24, 1900.

"You will please convey through the appropriate channels the congratulations and best wishes of the President to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her birthday."

"The most important social event in Washington on the occasion of the Queen's birthday will be the dinner given this evening at the British Embassy by Lord and Lady Pauncefote. A number of prominent English residents will be the guests. The full state of the affair will be planned and the decorations will include pink and white pennies.

There will be no speeches, and the only toasts will be to the Queen. Plates will be laid for Lord and Lady Pauncefote, Miss Pauncefote, Miss S. Pauncefote, Miss A. Pauncefote, Gerard A. Lowther, First Assistant Secretary of the Embassy, Colonel Lee, the Military Attaché, and Mrs. Lee, Max Muller, Second Secretary, H. C. Norman, Third Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon-Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Pellet, Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Sartoris, Miss Sartoris, Miss Boardman, and Miss Potter.

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MRS. GLADSTONE DYING.

All Members of the Family Summoned to Havard.

LONDON, May 24.—It is reported that Mrs. Gladstone, widow of the "Grand Old Man of England," is lying at Havard. All the members of the family have been summoned to her bedside.

CALLED ON MR. HAY.

The Turkish Minister Talks With the Secretary of State.

All Ferrou Bey, the Turkish Minister, called on Secretary Hay for the first time since he learned of the character of the note sent to his Government demanding the payment of the Armenian indemnity. He was not accompanied by Ahmed Pasha, Engineer-in-Chief of the Turkish Navy, who reached Washington last night on a mission for his Government.

PRESIDENT TO ATTEND.

Mr. McKinley and Party Going to Fredericksburg Tomorrow.

The President and a number of Cabinet officers leave tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock from the Pennsylvania station for a visit to Fredericksburg to attend the celebration of the Society of the Army of the Potomac. They will be back in the evening. It is not expected that the President will speak. Two private cars will be attached to the train for the use of the party.

Mr. McKinley will leave on Saturday for Norfolk, to be gone until Monday, on a brief recreation trip. He will sail on the Dolphin. The only other outing arranged by him prior to his Canton trip next month, is his visit to Antietam on Decoration Day.

CASHIERS GO TO PRISON.

Charles W. Mussey and John C. Farrar Plead Guilty.

RUTLAND, Vt., May 24.—Charles W. Mussey pleaded guilty in the Federal Court to an indictment charging him with the embezzlement and misappropriation of the funds of the Merchants' National Bank of Rutland, of which he was cashier, and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

John C. Farrar, the former cashier of the Waterbury National Bank, also pleaded guilty to abstracting \$30,000 of the funds of that institution, and was given a term of six years.

APARTMENT HOUSE BURNED.

A Fire Renders Three Hundred Chicagoans Homeless.

CHICAGO, May 24.—More than 300 people were driven from their homes shortly after noon yesterday by a fire which destroyed the Jackson apartment building on Calumet Avenue, just north of Twenty-ninth Street. The building, containing 100 suites of flats and was erected for a hotel during the World's Fair. The fire originated from an explosion of natural gas. The fire caused no loss of life, although there were many narrow escapes.

DECLARE AGAINST LIQUOR.

South Carolina Prohibitionists Nominate a State Ticket.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 24.—The Prohibition Convention met last night and decided to nominate Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. At midnight Col. James A. Hoyt, of Greenville, former State Chairman of the Democratic party and a Confederate soldier, was nominated to head the ticket, and James P. Tribble, of Anderson, named for Lieutenant Governor. In an address adopted by the convention, "the gang" now in power was declared to be little if any better than the carabaggers of radical days. The platform, written on a sheet of note paper, simply declared against the sale of liquor by the State and characterized the present system as a disgrace.

Andrew D. White Appointed.

A resolution was adopted in the Senate today appointing Andrew D. White, of New York, to fill the vacancy existing in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Special Train Service to Fredericksburg.

Account Reunion of the Army of the Potomac. Train leaving Third Street Station at 7:45 a. m., Friday, May 25, will be operated through to Fredericksburg, Va.

Best grades of Flooring always, and some flooring only \$1.50, by Frank Libby & Co.

BROKERAGE FIRM FAILS

Price, McCormick & Company Go to the Wall.

Their Suspension Announced on the Stock Exchange at Noon—Speculation Heavily in Cotton and Were Unable to Meet Their Engagements. Assets and Liabilities Not Stated.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Price, McCormick & Co., bankers and brokers, 70 Broadway, announced on the Stock Exchange this morning that they were unable to meet their engagements. Notice of the suspension had then been posted on the door of their office, and at the same time it was stated that Sullivan & Cromwell, 45 Wall Street, were the assignees.

The suspension was not wholly a surprise. To part of Wall Street in the Stock Exchange community, it was, however, although during the morning there were rumors in the Cotton Trade that a prominent firm was embarrassed. At the same time it was added that the trouble was only temporary and not serious.

Thus far the season had been a prosperous one, and the firm was reported to have cleared considerably over \$1,000,000 on their cotton deal. During March a decline took place, and prices touched 8 3/4 cents. It was from this point on that the firm made their mistake, according to members of the Cotton Exchange.

Early enquiry at the office of Sullivan & Cromwell did not bring forth a statement of the firm's assets and liabilities, as the two gentlemen named were not in, but were out presumably at work on the suspension. A statement, the representative of the firm said, would undoubtedly be made later in the day.

Theodore H. Price, the senior member of the firm, declined to make any statement and referred everyone, even his friends, to the assignees. It is believed, however, that the liabilities will be heavy, as the firm transacted a very large business, and was represented on the Stock Exchange, Produce Exchange, Cotton Exchange, and Chicago Board of Trade. It possessed probably the most complete and extensive private-wire system in the country, and its connections with branch offices throughout the country were large. The firm was also declared the action of the Committee on Military Affairs in favorably reporting the bill a piece of political blunder.

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THE NEELY EXTRADITION.

Governor Roosevelt Hears Arguments on the Application.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., May 24.—The hearing on Governor General Wood's application for the extradition of Charles W. Neely, who is charged with embezzlement in connection with the Cuban post-office, was held before Governor Roosevelt at his home, at Oyster Bay, this afternoon.

Neely, who is now under arrest in the Ludlow Street Jail, was represented by John D. Lindsay, of the law firm of Nicol, Ainble & Lindsay, while United States District Attorney Henry L. Barnett appeared in support of General Wood's application.

After a lengthy argument, Governor Roosevelt announced that he was not yet prepared to give a final decision as to whether he would grant the application for Neely's extradition.

He requested the two lawyers, however, to make one brief employing the arguments which they made before him today, in order that he might give further guidance to the case. The Governor said after the hearing that he will confer with the Attorney General at Oyster Bay on Saturday, after which he will announce his decision.

LATTIMER MINE ABLAZE.

A Threatening Subterranean Fire at Hazleton, Pa.

HAZLETON, Pa., May 24.—The Lattimer No. 2 mine here is on fire, and immense damage is threatened. During the night the interior workings were ablaze and the large fan, which was kept in operation, drew the flames up through the shaft.

The fanhouse, situated at the base of the shaft, was ignited, and the flames communicated to the boiler house, both of which were destroyed. Pumps are being brought from the other collieries of the company to throw water into the burning mine.

THE OHIO PROHIBITIONISTS.

Republican Bill on the Anti-Cannibals Act Denounced.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.—The Ohio Prohibitionists, in convention here today, adopted resolutions denouncing the attitude of President McKinley and Republican leaders on the Anti-Cannibals bill, and also declared the action of the Committee on Military Affairs in favorably reporting the bill a piece of political blunder.

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ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

A London Solicitor Placed Under Arrest at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Julian Trandea Biddell Arnold, senior member of the firm of Kinney & Co., London solicitors, was arrested yesterday and will be held pending extradition upon a charge of embezzling \$15,000 belonging to clients of the firm. Arnold left England, with his wife, on May 22, and came directly to this city on the steamer "Albatross."

Arnold is alleged to have been in the British Consul here, detectives had been on the watch for Arnold. He was finally located through the office, where he was with his wife, Mrs. Arnold, who is a sister of the late John D. Rockefeller. He is alleged to have been in the British Consul here, detectives had been on the watch for Arnold. He was finally located through the office, where he was with his wife, Mrs. Arnold, who is a sister of the late John D. Rockefeller.

THE CAMBRIDGE STRIKE.

Ringleaders Shut Out, But Others Given Employment.

CAMBRIDGE, Md., May 24.—The strike among the millers in the basket factory of the Cambridge Manufacturing Company is now at an end after two weeks' excitement for higher wages. The leaders of the strike, who boasted of his success in twelve former strikes and his determination to win in this one, has left Cambridge, and since his departure many of the strikers are anxious to go to work.

In order to fill orders the company agreed to raise wages, and did so, but refused to hire any of the former employees who had struck, and men from the other countries were engaged at the same wages. This mode of proceeding angered the strikers, and threats were made of preventing the new workmen from joining the company's force.

A few days ago, as these new men were leaving the yard, a note was handed to one of them which told them if they refused to join the strikers they had better leave town. This they did, and men from other parts of the country were sent to work in the basket factory. Recently new men have arrived and have continued at work, disregarding all antagonizing influences.

The branch office of Price, McCormick & Co., and their managers were as follows: Newark, N. J., W. F. Muth; Ogdenburg, N. Y., D. H. Loyd; Rochester, N. Y., G. W. Dresser; Pittsburgh, Pa., S. K. Dyer; Chicago, W. G. McCormick; Syracuse, C. M. Bachman, and Albany, F. H. Hagadone.

Up to 1:40 o'clock 17,000 shares of stock had been traded in on the Stock Exchange for the account of the firm. The doors of the firm's office were closed at 1 o'clock, and all visitors, and the clerks, with the signers, were very busy straightening up the accounts.

Wall Street took the suspension very calmly, although there was a disposition to speculate on the fact that the firm was a son-in-law of Rear Admiral Stirling and Bernard J. Harrison, as general partners, with George Crocker, the California millionaire, as a special partner.

New partnership articles were entered into last fall, when Bernard J. Harrison retired and Walter W. Price, a brother of Theodore H. Price, was admitted to the firm.

The firm of Price, McCormick & Co. was organized on January 2, 1882, and its capital was \$1,000,000. Mr. McCormick's interest is heavy, and he has been in the business for a long time and always on a large scale. The Stock Exchange members were Stuart Worthington and Mr. McCormick. The latter, however, was an active floor member, as most of the business was transacted by Mr. Stuart Worthington and other outside brokers.

A rather strange incident in connection with the failure is that Mr. Stuart Worthington sailed for England about four weeks ago and is due to arrive in this city tomorrow.

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BLACKBURN FOR REPEAL

Kentucky Senator-Elect Wants the Election Law Annulled.

He Sends Out a Signed Statement From Washington Demanding an Extra Session of the Legislature and a Complete Change in the Rules of the Democratic Party.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 24.—Senator-elect Blackburn today caused a panic in the ranks of the Goshelites by sending from Washington a signed statement to Kentucky, demanding an extra session of the Legislature, the repeal of the Goshel Election law, and a complete change in the party rules. In part, he said:

"The present election law was passed to prevent Republican frauds through the mediation of the county judges and other election officers appointed by them, not, as some charge, to enable the Democrats to steal the election. It has failed of its purpose, as is shown by the vote on final count at the last election. Is anyone so bigoted that he would refuse to amend a law because the original framers could not fully anticipate all the schemes and wiles of the ever-active agencies of force and fraud? Election laws are never perfect and must be constantly changed to meet emergencies as they arise.

"The Goshelites should therefore declare for an amendment to the present election law, so as to give to each of the two leading political parties majority and minority representation upon both the State and County Boards of Election Commissioners, and an equal division of election officers at each voting precinct, such representation being based upon the number of the County Boards of Election Commissioners from a list to be furnished by each respective party, and the law should be so amended as to protect both the election officers and the voter from a force, fraud, corruption, and intimidation by corporations and employers of labor, as also the militia of the State, the police forces of cities and towns, and all other public functionaries, with adequate penalties to compel all persons upon whom any duties are enjoined to perform them faithfully, and certifying of the vote to honestly, faithfully, fairly, and promptly discharge the same.

"As auxiliary to this, and in order that the members of the party, who are the people, may be satisfied with the action taken by its representatives for the purpose of securing a government of the people, the local self-government of the party organization in the various voting precincts, the convention should provide that party laws be adopted, authorizing and empowering the members of the party organization to elect a committee of election officers, their own committeemen, chairman, and other officers and change and remove the same at pleasure. This brings the party organization as near to the people as it is possible to get it. It puts them in control of the party, and makes the party responsible for the conduct of these officers, who are likewise responsible back to the people. It prevents all centralization of power in a governing committee and applies to our party organization the fundamental principles of our Government, a government of the people, the power of the people to govern and control. We must build the party from the people up, if we would succeed."

THE KENTUCKY SUSPECTS.

Governor Beckham Decides Not to Send Milton After Them.

LOUISVILLE, May 24.—Governor Beckham today decided not to send the militia to the mountains to capture Powers and Howard, wanted for alleged complicity in the Goshel murder. It was reported to him that the appearance of militia in eastern Kentucky would cause a bloody battle, as feeling is high in the mountains.

The action of County Judge Wyatt of Knox county, in releasing Powers and Howard, makes him liable to impeachment and there is strong talk that this may be done.

While the representatives of the prosecution will not discuss their plans in advance of action on their part, it is evident they expect to have Powers and other suspects in custody sooner or later. It is understood that there is a reward of \$10,000 for the capture of Powers and Howard.

W. S. Taylor has arranged to accompany the Indiana delegation to the Republican National Convention next month. He will have to enter two other States to do this, and the question that has arisen here regarding a requisition may come up in these States. Taylor is a Republican and is a member of the Kentucky State Bar.

THE GUARD AT LEXINGTON.

Two Companies Held in Readiness for Any Call.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 24.—The State Guard companies of Captain Longmire and Captain Calhoun, which arrived from Frankfort yesterday, are being held ready to respond to any call. The men are not being kept at the armory, but are allowed to go to their homes under instructions to hold themselves in readiness.

The military equipment of the State is still in the hands of the Republicans. A large portion of it is at London, while at Barbourville and Corbin there are quantities of ammunition, guns, and uniforms. Several cannon are at London and at Corbin there are three 4-pounders which are being sent by the Republicans to the State Guard.

Should John L. Powers be recaptured and the Lexington militia be sent to him to Frankfort, it is believed the mountaineers would take charge of the State property at the armories at London, Corbin, and Barbourville, and would resist any attempt to protect Powers. Captain Longmire, prior to going over to the Beckham guards, visited Barbourville and took the Rangers from the rifles there so that they are still useless. Longmire did this one night, leaving the town about midnight.

When the matter became known there was much indignation and the Lexington militia were called out. Longmire received scores of letters telling him to remain away from that place in the future or his life would be in danger. He says this morning that, if ordered to do so, he will take his company to Barbourville and assist in the recapture of Powers.

Cadet's Drill Postponed.

The High School Cadets' competitive drill has been postponed until tomorrow on account of the rain.

Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co. Delightful trips daily at 6:30 a. m. to Old Point Comfort, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Ocean View. Special rates to members of Mystic Shrine and their families. \$2.50 round trip. Through connections at Norfolk with elegant ocean steamers for New York and Boston.

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WAGES OF WOMEN EMPLOYES.

A Delegation Calls on the House Committee on Labor.

Several women employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and of the Government Printing Office, representing the Women's Industrial League and the Women's Patriotic League, appeared before the Committee on Labor of the House this afternoon. The bill pending before the committee was that which was introduced by Mr. Glynn on April 18, entitled "a bill to establish a two-dollar standard of wages for labor."

The Glynn bill provides "that the minimum compensation for manual and unskilled labor of adults in the employ of the Government shall be at the rate of \$2 a day of eight working hours. And all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this provision are hereby repealed."

The women who appeared charged that they were underpaid and overworked, receiving in the Treasury Department \$1.25 a day, in the Government Printing Office \$1.25 a day, and in the post office less than \$1 a day. They charged that if they made any complaint about their condition, they would be dismissed.

Mr. Gardner, New Jersey, Chairman of the committee, and Mr. Kierland agreed that their grievances should be corrected, but thought this could not be done under the Glynn bill. That bill would place each unskilled laborer, and would reach a few persons in the executive departments, where the employees are classified. The applicants were advised to draft or to have drafted a bill which would cover the evils complained of.

Adding a motion to adjourn, a member of the delegation made a sensational accusation against former Representative Timothy Campbell of New York. She read a copy of a letter which she had sent to Speaker Henderson on May 22, urging that Campbell be deposed of the privileges of the floor. She charged that Campbell had represented to the women employees of the Government Printing Office that if they would be paid \$1.25 a day, he would have passed a bill increasing their wages. The women had been assured, and had actually paid to Mr. Campbell \$100 as the first payment of his bill.

The allegation caused somewhat of a sensation in the committee room and it was said by several Representatives that Speaker Henderson was not at all conducting an investigation, one should be demanded from the floor.

The suggestion was also made by one of the women that the Secretary of the Treasury should be indicted for violating the eight-hour law.

Q STREET EXTENSION.

Assessed Value of Land in the Boulevard Land Tract.

The Commissioners a few days ago instructed the Board of Assistant Assessors to appraise certain property within the lines of Q Street northwest, between Twentieth and Twenty-third Streets, which is thought to be of great importance. The motive of the action is that the Commissioners were to obtain information concerning the value of the property, and to see if the pending law proposed to be passed in the District, in which the sum of \$24,000 is claimed for damages.

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Accompanying the report of the Assistant Assessors is another from H. H. Darrell, the Assessor, showing that the plot of land in question, containing 15,718 square feet and situated at the corner of Q Street and "B" Street, has been listed on the assessment rolls for the years 1898, 1899, and 1900, and he informs the Commissioners that the sum of \$24,000 represents the taxes for the years named.

The owners of the property have made a proposition to the Commissioners to compensate the damage done in a sum of a specified sum repaid by them as the value of the land, it is understood that this proposition will now be considered by a view to a proper settlement of the contention.

NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATES.

A Bill to Appoint Them as Additional Officers.

Representative Livingston has introduced a bill for the appointment of certain graduates of the Naval Academy to be additional officers on the Navy list, not above the rank of Junior Lieutenant.

The bill provides that the President be authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint as lieutenants in the Navy, not above the grade of Junior Lieutenant, graduates of the Naval Academy who have been honorably discharged, and each such appointee shall be considered an additional member of his grade at all times while he is in the service.

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